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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HUANG ET AL.

Examiner

Ida M Soward

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07-25-03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Applicants' amendment filed July 25, 2003.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of filed certified copy of foreign application filed in Taiwan on May 29, 2001.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prior Art Figures 1-2 in view of .Lee et al. (US 6,173,490 B1)

Prior Art Figures 1-2 teach a semiconductor package, comprising: a substrate **10** mounted with at least one semiconductor chip **12**; thereon and electrically connected to the semiconductor chip; an encapsulant **19** formed by a molding compound injected into a molding cavity of a mold for encapsulating the semiconductor chip mounted on the substrate; a BGA (ball grid array) semiconductor package; a FCBGA (flip chip ball grid array) semiconductor package; a molding compound of an epoxy resin having low

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viscosity, high fluidity and small fine filler size; air vents **17**; and a molded underfilling technique being employed for injecting the molding compound. However, Prior Art Figures 1-2 fail to teach a molding cavity formed with a plurality of recess portions, which are dimensioned to be relatively smaller in height than the molding cavity. Lee et al. teach a molding cavity formed with a plurality of recess portions, which are dimensioned to be relatively smaller in height than the molding cavity and vents **290** (Figures 3-4B, col. 5, lines 11-36, abstract). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the structure of Prior Art Figure 1-2 with the molding cavity formed with a plurality of recess portions of Lee et al. to improve packaging efficiency.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed July 25, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Lee et al. disclose a semiconductor package having a recess portions (above line A) connected to the air vent 290 formed in a mold and encapsulant formed with a plurality of outwardly-extending portions 630 by the molding compound filled in the recess portions (Figures 3-4A). In Figure 3, recess portions 220 each are connected to air vent 450 formed in the mold.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respects to semiconductor packages with air vents:

Crowley et al. (US 6,309,916 B1)


Park et al. (US 6,239,487 B1).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ida M Soward whose telephone number is 703-305-3308. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 703-308-4905. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9319 for regular communications and 703-872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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